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# S. 615

To provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2009

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AUTHORITIES FOR**  
4 **THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AF-**  
5 **GHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION.**

6 Section 1229(h) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
7 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122  
8 Stat. 381) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and in-  
9 serting the following:

1 “(1) PERSONNEL.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General  
3 may select, appoint, and employ such officers  
4 and employees as may be necessary for carrying  
5 out the duties of the Inspector General, subject  
6 to the provisions of title 5, United States Code,  
7 governing appointments in the competitive serv-  
8 ice, and the provisions of chapter 51 and sub-  
9 chapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating  
10 to classification and General Schedule pay  
11 rates.

12 “(B) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
14 (ii), the Inspector General may exercise the  
15 authorities of subsections (b) through (i) of  
16 section 3161 of title 5, United States Code  
17 (without regard to subsection (a) of that  
18 section).

19 “(ii) PERIODS OF APPOINTMENTS.—

20 In exercising the employment authorities  
21 under subsection (b) of section 3161 of  
22 title 5, United States Code, as provided  
23 under clause (i) of this subparagraph—

1                   “(I) paragraph (2) of that sub-  
2                   section (relating to periods of appoint-  
3                   ments) shall not apply; and

4                   “(II) no period of appointment  
5                   may exceed the date on which the Of-  
6                   fice of the Special Inspector General  
7                   for Afghanistan Reconstruction termi-  
8                   nates under subsection (o).”.

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